

HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
(Office of the Registrar General at Srinagar)

ADVERTISEMENT NOTIFICATION

No. 03 of 2024/RG/GS

Dated:05.06.2024.

1. Applications through online mode, are invited from the eligible Advocates for filling up the posts in the cadre of District Judges (Entry Level) in the Pay Level **J-5 (144840-194660)** by direct recruitment, in accordance with the provisions of Jammu and Kashmir Higher Judicial Service Rules, 2009, as amended from time to time. The candidates are advised to go through these Rules before applying for the said posts.

2. **Number and Break-up of posts Category-wise:**

The total number of posts is twelve (**12**) and their share is as per the detail given below:-

OM	Backward Area	SC	Scheduled Tribe-1	Total
09	01	01	01	12*

**Posts advertised include seven posts (OM) and one post (Backward Area) re-advertised (second time), in terms of proviso to Sub Rule (1) of Rule 5 of the Jammu and Kashmir Higher Judicial Service Rules, 2009.*

3. **Eligibility:-**

In order to be eligible for appointment by direct recruitment to the cadre of the service, the incumbent:-

- a) must possess a Degree in Law from a recognized University established by Law in India and recognized as such by the Bar Council of India;
- b) must be a practicing Advocate in Courts of Civil and Criminal jurisdiction and must have been in actual practice for a period of not less than seven years as on the last date of the receipt of the application and in this regard the candidate must submit an experience certificate issued by the concerned Principal District and Sessions Judge/Registrar Judicial of the concerned Wing of the High Court in the format annexed as **Annexure-A**, to this notification;

- c) must have attained the age of 35 years and not above the age of 45 years (relaxable in case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes or Other Backward Classes by two years) as on the date of receipt of the application; and
- d) must be proficient in reading and writing Urdu.

4. **Competitive Examination for Direct Recruitment:-**

- i) The competitive examination for appointment of District Judges by direct recruitment shall consist of:
 - a) A written examination comprising of two papers of two hours duration each. Each paper shall carry 80 marks. The syllabus for these papers as prescribed by the High Court of J&K and Ladakh is attached as **Annexure-B**, to this notification; and
 - b) Viva-voce examination shall carry 40 marks.
- ii) Only those candidates who shall obtain 60% or more marks in the written examination shall be called for viva-voce test in the ratio of 3:1 i.e., three candidates for one available vacancy.

Provided that Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe candidates who obtain 50% or more marks in the written examination shall be eligible for viva-voce examination.
- iii) The candidate has to obtain 60% marks out of 40 marks earmarked for viva-voce provided that in case of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe, the candidate has to obtain 50% marks out of 40 marks reserved for viva-voce; and
- iv) After the candidate makes the grade in written examination and viva-voce, selection shall be made on the cumulative grade value obtained in the written examination and vice-voce.

5. **Disqualification for Appointment:-**

No person shall be eligible for appointment to the service:

- a) Unless he/she is a domicile of UT of Jammu and Kashmir in terms of S.O. 166 dated 18.05.2020 issued by GAD, Government of Jammu and Kashmir and those who are residents of UT of Ladakh for a period of not less than 15 years before the date of applying and are actually residing in the area.
- b) If he/she is dismissed from service by the Central Government, any State Government, Government of a Union Territory, High Court or any statutory or local authority;

- c) If he/she has been convicted of an offence or has been debarred or disqualified by any High Court or Public Service Commission or by any recruiting or examination conducting authority from appearing in examinations or selections;
- d) If he/she directly or indirectly influences the recruiting authority by any means for his/her candidature;
- e) If he is a man and has more than one wife living, unless permissible under any law for the time being in force; and if she is a woman and has married a man already having another wife.

6. Reservation:-

- i. A candidate seeking his/her consideration under any Reserved Category must ensure that he/she possesses a valid requisite Category certificate as on the cut-off date.
- ii. The candidature of the candidates will be provisional till the genuineness of the reserved category certificate is verified by the Appointing Authority.
- iii. Candidates may note that in case a claim for reservation is made on the basis of false/fake/fraudulent certificate, he/she shall be debarred from the examination, in addition to any other penal action as may be deemed appropriate.

7. Prescribed Fee:-

After successful submission of the online application form, candidate will be required to deposit requisite fee of Rs. 1200/- through online mode.

8. Documents to be Uploaded:-

While filling the online application form, the applicants are required to upload the documents as per details given below:-

- i. Date of birth certificate (Secondary School/Matric Certificate).
- ii. Domicile Certificate/Residence Certificate.
- iii. Bachelors Degree in Law.
- iv. Experience certificate issued by the concerned Principal District and Sessions Judge/Registrar Judicial of the concerned Wing of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh in the format annexed as **Annexure-A**.
- v. Reserved Category Certificate (if claiming benefit)

Note:-

- a) Any wrong or incorrect information furnished by the candidate shall lead to the rejection of his/her candidature at any stage.

- b) Applications along with the prescribed fee will be received only through online mode on recruitment portal of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh, link of which will be activated on **09.06.2024** on the official website of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh: <https://www.jkhighcourt.nic.in>.
- c) Last date for filling up of online application form, complete in all respects alongwith the requisite fee is **23.06.2024**.
- d) Submission of Application Form and fee payment shall not be accepted/entertained after the cut-off date fixed for receipt of the same.
- e) The printout of the application alongwith the fee payment receipt and required copies of documents shall be kept ready to be submitted as and when required.
- f) The eligible candidates shall have to appear in the test on the date(s) to be notified separately. No separate call letters shall be issued individually; however, wide publicity shall be given through print and electronic media, official website <https://www.jkhighcourt.nic.in> of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh about the venues, dates of written test/ interview for the information of eligible candidates. No claim of being unaware of the dates/schedule for written test/interview shall be entertained.
- g) No TA/DA shall be paid for the test/interview.
- h) Incomplete application(s) or application(s), received after the last date or received by any other mode than specified above, shall not be entertained.

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(Shahzad Azeem)
Registrar General

No: 22597-637/RG/GS

Dated: 05.06.2024

Copy of the above forwarded to the:-

1. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble the Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh;
2. Secretary to Hon'ble Mr./Mrs. Justice _____;
.... for kind information of their Lordships.
3. Registrar Judicial(s), High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Jammu/Srinagar for information;
4. Registrar Computers (I.T), High Court of J&K and Ladakh for information and with the request to take requisite steps regarding facilitating receipt of applications through online mode;
5. All Principal District and Sessions Judges, UTs of J&K and Ladakh;
6. Director Information, J&K, Jammu/Srinagar for information and publication in the next issue of leading newspapers in Jammu/Srinagar and publication through electronic media.
7. CPC, e-Courts, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Srinagar for information and with the request to upload the same on the official website of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh.
8. Incharge Library, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Jammu/Srinagar for information and keeping the record of the same.
9. Order File.

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ANNEXURE-A

**Office of the Principal District and Sessions Judge, _____/
Registrar Judicial, High Court Wing _____.**

It is certified that Mr./Ms. _____

S/o/D/o _____ R/o _____


_____, who has been enrolled as an Advocate vide

_____, is a practising Advocate in the Courts of Civil and

Criminal jurisdiction and he is in actual practice for a period of not

less than seven years as on _____.

**Seal and Signature of the
Issuing Authority**



ANNEXURE-B

**SYLLABUS FOR EXAMINATION
UNDER RULE 8 (i)(a)
JAMMU AND KASHMIR HIGHER JUDICIAL SERVICE RULES, 2009**

- There shall be two papers carrying 80 marks each.
- The duration of each paper will be of two hours.
- Each paper shall comprise of three parts carrying equal number of questions.
- The candidates shall have to attempt nine questions in each paper, three from each part.

PAPER-I

Part-I

- (a) Essay- Precise writing
- (b) Constitution of India.
- (c) Legal Maxims.
- (d) Translation of passage in Urdu to English.

Part-II

- a) Judgment Writing on Civil Original & Civil Appellate side.
- b) Laws relating to Partnerships, Contracts and Arbitration, Transfer of Property Act 1882, Rent Laws, Jammu and Kashmir Agrarian Reforms Act 1976, Jammu and Kashmir State Evacuees (Administration of Property) Act 2006, Jammu and Kashmir Alienation of Land Act 1995 (1938 A. D.) and Specific Relief Act 1963.
- c) Law relating to Compensation under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.
- d) Laws relating to Marriages, Divorce and Succession governing Hindus, Muslims, Christians and Buddhists.

Part-III

- a) Civil Procedure Code, 1908.
- b) Laws relating to acquisition and requisition of immovable property.
- c) Laws relating to Guardianship, Succession Certificate, Probate and Letters of Administration.
- d) Laws relating to Eviction of unauthorized occupants from public premises.

PAPER-II**Part-I**

- a) Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.
- b) Indian Penal Code, 1860.
- c) Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

Part-II

- a) Judgment Writing on Criminal Original and Criminal Appellate side.
- b) Indian Evidence Act, 1872.
- c) Penal Laws in force in the State relating to Arms, Enemies and Terrorist related activities.

Part-III

- a) Jammu and Kashmir Civil Service Regulations.
- b) General Financial Rules.
- c) Medical Jurisprudence.
- d) Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Narcotic, Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

(Note: Any reference to the "laws" in the syllabus given above shall be construed as reference to the laws enforced in the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh after the coming into effect of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019).